

III. REMARKS

A. Amendments to the Specification:

Instruction 1: The TITLE of the specification has been changed.

Instruction 2: The specification has been amended to recite the relationship with the parent case. In particular, this application is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 10/155,608, filed May 24, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Instructions 3-6: Paragraphs [0006], [0012], [0046], and [0050] have been replaced. The amendments to these paragraphs are merely cosmetic and have been made to correct typographical errors encountered during a review of the specification. Because the replacement paragraphs of [0006], [0012], [0046], and [0050] merely correct typographical errors, no new matter has been added.

B. Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 10-19, *i.e.*, the Group II claims, were prosecuted in the parent case, application Serial No. 10/155,608 and thus have been canceled from this divisional application. The parent application was allowed on Nov. 4, 2003 but has not issued yet.

The active claims in this case are claims 1-9, *i.e.*, the Group I claims directed to a method for positioning a plurality of new piles and a new pile cap underneath and existing bridge assembly, classified in class 405, subclass 232. New claims 27-41 drawn to the Group I invention have been added. Therefore, claims 1-9 and 27-41 are pending in the application.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at 713-268-1357 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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